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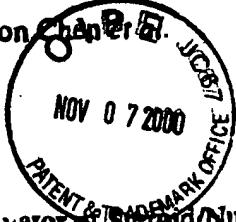
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131 BYDR. J. DON CHEN AND DR. HUI LI

Dear Sir:

We, Dr. J. Don Chen, a citizen of Taiwan, and Dr. Hui Li, a citizen of The People's Republic of China, both residing in the United States, hereby declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application.

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2. Prior to August 5, 1997, the invention described and claimed in the above-referenced application was completed in this country, as evidenced by the following:

A. Prior to August 5, 1997, we, as co-inventors, isolated a full-length human RAC3 cDNA, determined the nucleic acid sequence of the full-length RAC3 cDNA and derived the human RAC3 amino acid sequence from the RAC3 nucleic acid sequence. The biological activity of RAC3 as a steroid/nuclear receptor-associated coactivator was also determined. We described the full-length RAC3 amino acid sequence and its biological activity in a manuscript entitled "RAC3, a steroid/nuclear receptor-associated coactivator that is related to SRC-1 and TIF2", which was published in *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA* on August 5, 1997. Each of these events is evidenced by a copy of the above-described manuscript (Li et al. (1997) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 94:8479-8484) which is attached hereto as Appendix A, pages A-1 to A-6. We also deposited the full-length RAC3 nucleic acid and amino acid sequences with the GenBank™ sequence database at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) prior to August 5, 1997, as evidenced by the attached printouts of Genbank™ Accession No. AF010227 (the RAC3 nucleic acid sequence) and AAC51663 (the RAC3 amino acid sequence). Copies of these GenBank™ records are attached hereto as pages A-7 through A-9 and pages A-10 through A-11 of Appendix A.

Thus, the manuscript and GenBank™ Accession Records submitted as pages A-1 through A-11 of Appendix A demonstrate that we had successfully isolated, sequenced, characterized and described human RAC3 nucleic acid and protein molecules, prior to August 5, 1997.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

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